

REMARKS

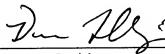
This Reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 1, 2009. Consideration of the above corrected listing of amended claims together with the amendment previously submitted on May 4, 2009 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending, where claims 23-25 had been previously added. By means of the present amendment, new claims 23 and 25 are currently amended and re-written in independent form.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, it was indicated that the manner of the amendment to the claims and the status identifiers did not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). The above corrected listing of amended claims corrects this problem by providing the claims that are amended, where the status identifier is changed to "Amended" "Twice Amended" or "New" as applicable, and where deletions are in shown in brackets and additions are underlined relative to the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,266,368.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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